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Saskatchewan farmers have seeded 64 per cent of the 2006 crop, ahead of the five-year average of 58 per cent, according to Saskatchewan Agriculture and Food's weekly crop report.

The southwest area of the province is furthest advanced at 84 per cent, and the northeast is least advanced at 43 per cent. Crop Districts in east-central and northeast Saskatchewan report less than 50 per cent seeded. Early-seeded crops are emerging in all areas of the province.

Topsoil moisture conditions improved in the central and northern grainbelt and deteriorated in the southern grainbelt. Two-thirds of reporters say that topsoil moisture conditions are adequate on crop land, similar to last week. Almost one-quarter of reporters rate topsoil moisture on cropland as short or very short. Sixty-three per cent of reporters rate topsoil moisture as adequate on hay and pasture land, lower than last week.

In the southern grainbelt, pastures and hay land are deteriorating, and fall crops are being stressed with the hot, dry weather. Meanwhile, drying conditions are helping central and northern farmers to finish the 2005 harvest and to get the 2006 crop seeded. However, some farmers in those areas are still getting stuck with seeding and harvesting equipment.

Seeding Progress by Crop District

CD	May 21/06	May 22/05
1a	70	48
1b	61	63
2a	80	76
2b	72	74
3an	69	76
3ase	80	77
3asw	81	74
3bn	83	75
3bs	87	89
4a	97	94
4b	95	96
5a	48	74
5b	31	69
6a	51	67
6b	64	70
7a	73	82
7b	75	73
8a	35	73
8b	50	70
9ae	39	69
9aw	61	64
9b	65	48
Prov.	64	71

Seeding Progress in SK
per cent seeded

	All Crops
May 21/06	64
5-year Avg. (2001-05)	58
May 22/05	71
May 23/04	68
May 18/03	32
May 19/02	46
May 20/01	74

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1 Year Ago

71% of the 2005 crop had been seeded.

A welcome rain delayed seeding operations and fieldwork in most areas of the province and improved topsoil moisture conditions significantly.

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South eastern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 1, 2, & 3ase)

The southeast had some hot, windy days during the past week. An average of less than ½ mm of precipitation was reported. The wind caused some soil erosion in Crop District (CD) 1a.

Seeding is reported as 72% complete, up from 30% last week. Crop Districts 2a and 3ase are furthest ahead at 80% complete, while CD 1b reports 61% complete. Crops are emerging across the region. Some farmers are waiting for more moisture to plant flax.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land are rated as adequate by 63% of reporters, down from 89% last week. Thirty-five per cent of the reporters rate crop land as having short moisture conditions. On hay and pasture land, topsoil moisture conditions are rated as adequate by 56% of reporters, down from 79% last week. The balance rate topsoil moisture conditions as short or very short.

The hot, windy weather dried out the topsoil last week, and many farmers are looking for a rain to assist with even germination and for pastures and hay land. Crusting of topsoil is a concern in CD 1b.

Spraying is underway as weather conditions permit. Cattle continue to be moved to summer pastures. Gophers are a problem in the Moosomin area.

Fall-seeded crops are well advanced in CD 2b.

South western Saskatchewan (CDs 3asw, 3an, 3b, & 4)

The southwest had a hot, windy week with the odd thunderstorm. An average of 2 mm of precipitation was reported. The Chaplin area received 10 mm of rain, the largest individual amount reported. A thunderstorm in the Val Marie area saw winds of 90 to 100 km per hour.

South western farmers have completed 84% of their seeding, up from 54% last week. Crop District 4a is furthest ahead at 97% complete, while CD 3an is 69% done. Some farmers are holding back on seeding until the moisture situation improves.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land are rated as adequate by 36% of reporters, down significantly from 79% last week. Sixty-two per cent of reporters rate crop land topsoil moisture as short or very short. On hay and pasture land, topsoil moisture conditions are rated as adequate by 22% of reporters, down from 64% last week.

Hay and grass are suffering as soil moisture dissipates. Dugouts are low in the Ogema and Gull Lake areas. Fall-seeded crops are only about 5 or 6 inches high and are heading out in the Ponteix-Aneroid area. Rain is needed soon in many areas.

Some cutworms were seen in CD 3bn.

Farmers were summerfallowing, chemfallowing, cutivating, rolling pulse crops, and in-crop spraying.

East central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 5 & 6a)

The east central region had warm, dry weather during the past week. An average of 1 mm of precipitation was reported. Strong winds along with above-average temperatures dried the soil too much in CD 6a. A strong wind in the Leroy area caused some damage, even removing loose straw from fields.

East central farmers made good seeding progress with 44% complete across the region, up from 10% last week. Crop District 6a is furthest ahead at 51% complete, while CD 5b reports 31% complete. Crops are emerging rapidly with the warm temperatures.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land are rated as surplus by 29% of reporters, down from 56% last week. Farmers are still getting stuck in some places, but find the land easier to work than the week before. On hay and pasture land, topsoil moisture conditions are rated as adequate by 75% of reporters, the same as last week.

Windy weather hampered spraying operations for parts of the week. Heavy weed pressure is evident, and there were some localized shortages of some herbicides in CD 5b. Parts of fields are not being seeded because of the wet conditions. There were shortages of some fertilizer types in CD 6a.

Flea beetles were seen in fields of volunteer canola in CD 6a.

West central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 6b & 7)

This past week, west central regions were warm and windy. An average of 1 mm of precipitation was reported.

West central farmers made good seeding progress with 70% complete across the region, up from 17% last week. Crop District 7b is furthest ahead at 75% complete, while CD 6b reports 64% complete.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land are rated as adequate by 94% of reporters, up from 65% last week, as the surplus moisture was reduced in many areas. Some farmers were getting stuck throughout the region. On pasture and hay land, topsoil moisture conditions are reported as adequate by 90% of reporters, up from 80% last week.

Windy weather delayed spraying operations. Local suppliers were struggling with fertilizer shortages in CD 6b.

Some harvesting of the 2005 crop was done in the Herschel and Unity areas.

North eastern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 8 & 9ae)

Weather in the northeast was mostly sunny and warm this past week. An average of 1 mm of precipitation was reported.

North eastern farmers made good seeding progress with 43% complete across the region, up from 6% last week. Crop District 8b is furthest ahead at 50% complete, while CD 8a reports 35% done. In CD 8a, many fields remain too wet to seed. Farmers are trying to burn stubble to dry out the fields. Ruts from the 2005 harvest are making field work difficult.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land are rated as surplus by 14% of reporters, down from 52% last week. On hay and pasture land, topsoil moisture conditions are rated as adequate by all reporters, up from 65% last week.

Some harvesting of the 2005 crop was completed north of Tisdale and in the Codette area.

North western Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 9aw & 9b)

The northwest had some warm, windy weather during the past week. An average of 3 mm of precipitation was reported.

North western farmers have planted 63% on average across the region, up from 15% last week. Crop District 9b is furthest ahead at 65% complete. Crops are beginning to emerge.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land are rated as surplus by 4% of reporters, down from 23% last week. The rest of the reporters rate moisture conditions as adequate. On hay and pasture land, topsoil moisture conditions are rated as adequate by 78% of reporters, down from 87% last week. Areas around North Battleford, St. Walburg, and north of Meadow Lake, rate topsoil moisture conditions as short on hay and pasture land.

Farmers were trying to combine the 2005 crop in the Debden area. Farmers were harrowing, picking rocks, and trying to work the ruts out of their fields made by last fall's harvest operations. Cattle were being moved to summer pastures. Some cattle were still being fed at home.

Weekly Rainfall Summary
(in millimeters)

for the week ending May 20, 2006

Crop Dist.	No.	Municipality Name	Past Week	Since April 1
1A	1	Argyle	5	65
	2	Mount Pleasant	1	83
	3 B	Enniskillen	NIL	78
	32	Reciprocity	NIL	42
	33 A	Moose Creek	NIL	63
	35	Benson	NIL	92
	63 B	Moose Mountain	NIL	69
	64	Brock	NIL	92
	65	Tecumseh	NIL	77
1B	91	Maryfield	NIL	72
	92	Walpole	NIL	65
	93	Wawken	NIL	83
	93 B	Wawken	NIL	76
	95	Golden West	NIL	108
	122	Martin	TR	116
	123	Silverwood	NIL	96
	124	Kingsley	NIL	79
	125	Chester	NIL	94
	151 A	Rocanville	NIL	139
	151 B	Rocanville	TR	142
	153	Willowdale	NIL	76
	154	Elcapo	NIL	66
	155	Wolseley	TR	128
2A	36	Cymri	NIL	89
	66	Griffin	TR	70
	67	Weyburn	NIL	85
	68	Brokenshell	NIL	72
	69	Norton	NIL	78
	96	Fillmore	NIL	83
	97	Wellington	NIL	67
	99	Caledonia	NIL	84
2B	126	Montmartre	NIL	69
	127	Francis	TR	80
	128	Lajord	NIL	55
	129	Bratt's Lake	NIL	62
	131	Baildon	NIL	65
	156 A	Indian Head	1	94
	156 B	Indian Head	1	107
	157	South Qu'appelle	NIL	92
	158	Edenwold	1	74
	161	Moose Jaw	5	111
	191	Marquis	NIL	74
3ASE	8	Lake Alma	NIL	85
	9	Surprise Valley	4	82
	38 A	Laurier	NIL	81
	38 B	Laurier	1	58
	39 A	The Gap	NIL	74
	39 B	The Gap	NIL	68
3ASW	10	Happy Valley	TR	54
	12	Poplar Valley	3	49
	40	Bengough	NIL	56
	42	Willow Bunch	3	75
	43 A	Old Post	3	51
	43 B	Old Post	3	47
	44	Waverley	2	82
	70	Key West	TR	67
	71 A	Excel	NIL	70
	71 B	Excel	1	57
	73 A	Stonehenge	NIL	73
	73 B	Stonehenge	NIL	83
3AN	101 B	Terrell	NIL	56
	102	Lake Johnston	2	69
	132	Hillsborough	NIL	73
	164	Chaplin	10	50
	193	Eyebrow	NIL	62
	194	Enfield	5	44
3BS	17 A	Val Marie	2	46
	45	Mankota	NIL	64
	46	Glen Mcpherson	NIL	53
	75 A	Pinto Creek	NIL	62
	75 B	Pinto Creek	NIL	60
	76 A	Auvergne	NIL	28
	76 B	Auvergne	TR	44
	77	Wise Creek	3	32
	78 A	Grassy Creek	2	30
	78 B	Grassy Creek	2	30
	78 C	Grassy Creek	3	33
	105	Glenbain	1	76
	106	Whiska Creek	NIL	32
	107	Lac Pelletier	3	20
	108	Bone Creek	5	45
3BN	135	Lawtonia	7	61
	136	Coulee	NIL	35
	138	Webb	3	36
	165	Morse	NIL	36
	166	Excelsior	4	30
	167	Sask. Landing	NIL	43
	225	Canaan	6	26
	226	Victory	NIL	47
	228 A	Lacadena	2	48
	228 B	Lacadena	1	55
	257	Monet	6	54
4A	19	Frontier	NIL	44
	49 A	White Valley	NIL	16
	51	Reno	6	26
	79	Arlington	2	15
	109	Carmichael	TR	45
	110	Piapot	NIL	44
	111 A	Maple Creek	TR	25
	111 B	Maple Creek	1	39
4B	139	Gull Lake	1	29
	141	Big Stick	3	35
	142	Enterprise	NIL	39
	169	Pittville	3	22
	231	Happyland	4	44
	232	Deer Forks	7	42
5A	152	Spy Hill	NIL	114
	183	Fertile Belt	NIL	110
	185	Mcleod	TR	96
	186	Abernethy	1	91
	187	North Qu'appelle	TR	76
	211	Churchbridge	5	77
	213	Saltcoats	2	69
	216	Tullymet	NIL	89
	217 B	Lipton	NIL	66
	243	Wallace	4	83
	245 A	Garry	TR	98
	245 B	Garry	NIL	95
	246	Ituna Bon Accord	3	88
	247	Kellross	NIL	97
	248	Touchwood	NIL	57
5B	271	Cote	2	77
	273	Sliding Hills	1	51*
	275 A	Insinger	0	146
	275 B	Insinger	NIL	83
	276	Foam Lake	TR	89
	277	Emerald	TR	106
	304	Buchanan	1	81
	307	Elfros	2	107
	335	Hazel Dell	1	117
	336	Sasman	NIL	91
	337	Lakeview	NIL	100
	338	Lakeside	NIL	92
	366 A	Kelvington	2	42
	366 B	Kelvington	1	66
	367	Ponass Lake	NIL	80
6A	189	Lumsden	NIL	69
	190 A	Dufferin	NIL	47
	190 B	Dufferin	1	71
	190 C	Dufferin	NIL	53
	220	Mckillop	NIL	64
	221	Sarnia	NIL	63
	222	Craik	4	71
	251	Big Arm	1	44
	252	Arm River	NIL	47
	279 A	Mount Hope	NIL	44
	279 B	Mount Hope	NIL	66
	280	Wreford	NIL	57
	282	Mccraney	NIL	27
	309	Prairie Rose	NIL	89
	312	Morris	NIL	44
	313	Lost River	NIL	35
	339 B	Leroy	0	100
	340 A	Wolverine	NIL	81
	340 B	Wolverine	NIL	84
	343	Blucher	NIL	83
6B	283	Rosedale	NIL	31
	284	Rudy	NIL	54
	285	Fertile Valley	NIL	61
	286	Milden	8	47
	344	Corman Park	NIL	29
	345	Vanscoy	NIL	31
	346	Perdue	NIL	65
	376 A	Eagle Creek	NIL	43
	376 B	Eagle Creek	NIL	39
	404	Laird	NIL	58
7A	259	Snipe Lake	0	42
	288	Pleasant Valley	3	46
	292	Milton	NIL	59
	317 B	Marriott	5	63
	317 C	Marriott	NIL	42
	318 A	Mountain View	1	59
	318 B	Mountain View	1	62
	320	Oakdale	NIL	61
	321	Prairiedale	NIL	65
7B	347 A	Biggar	3	38
	347 B	Biggar	NIL	36
	350 A	Mariposa	NIL	40
	350 B	Mariposa	TR	57
	351	Progress	TR	44
	352	Heart's Hill	NIL	50
	377	Glenside	NIL	43
	378 A	Rosemount	NIL	40
	379	Reford	1	38
	380 A	Tramping Lake	NIL	13
	382	Eye Hill	NIL	47
	409	Buffalo	NIL	27
	410	Round Valley	10	22
	411	Senlac	2	48
8A	395	Porcupine	NIL	49
	398	Pleasantdale	4	61
	428	Star City	TR	38
	456	Arborfield	TR	38
	457 B	Connaught	1	24
	458	Willow Creek	TR	31
	486	Moose Range	TR	27
	487	Nipawin	NIL	26
8B	370	Humboldt	NIL	67
	371	Bayne	NIL	52
	372	Grant	NIL	45
	373	Aberdeen	NIL	57
	400	Three Lakes	NIL	38
	402	Fish Creek	TR	62
	429 A	Flett's Springs	NIL	49*
	429 B	Flett's Springs	6	41
	430	Invergordon	TR	32
	431	St. Louis	3	34
	459	Kinistino	3	36
9AE	461	Prince Albert	NIL	38
	488	Torch River	NIL	26
9AW	405	Great Bend	NIL	32
	406	Mayfield	4	43
	435	Redberry	4	63
	436	Douglas	3	50
	463	Duck Lake	NIL	48
	466	Meeting Lake	NIL	51
	467	Round Hill	NIL	32
	493	Shellbrook	2	36
	494	Canwood	3	43
	496	Spiritwood	NIL	43
	497	Medstead	TR	11
	555	Big River	NIL	25
9B	438 A	Battle River	NIL	23
	438 B	Battle River	TR	31
	440	Hillsdale	2	19
	468	Meota	NIL	30
	472	Wilton	9	49
	498 A	Parkdale	5	19
	499	Mervin	6	21
	501 A	Frenchman Butte	3	32
	501 B	Frenchman Butte	NIL	21
	501 C	Frenchman Butte	9	52
	502	Britannia	3	49
	561	Loon Lake	NIL	36
	588 B	Meadow Lake	12	49
	588 C	Meadow Lake	3	39
	588 D	Meadow Lake	1	26
	622	Beaver River	10	56

These precipitation amounts represent point locations within each municipality and do not necessarily reflect the whole R.M.

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Municipality No: A, B, C, and D - more than one reporter

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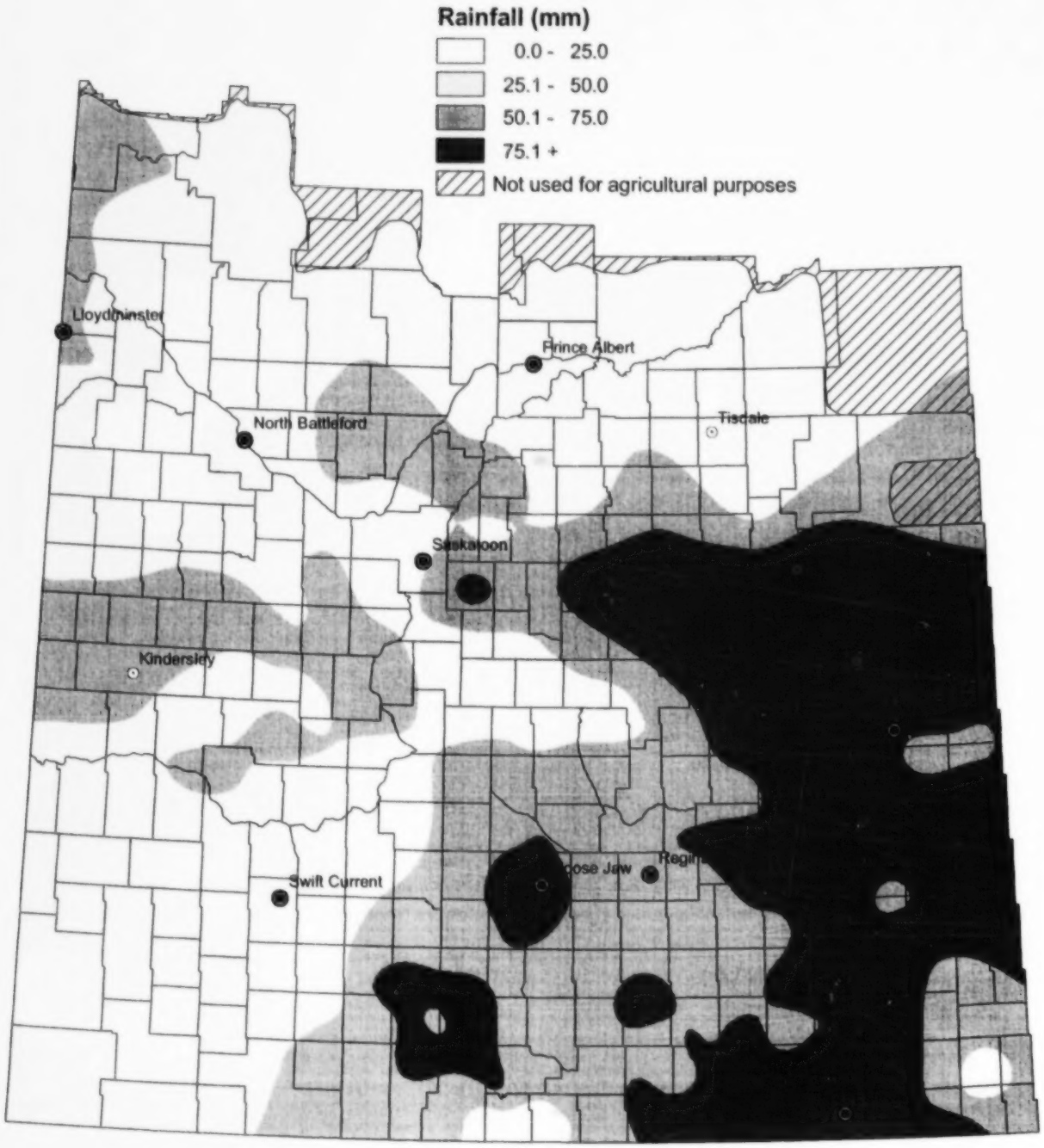

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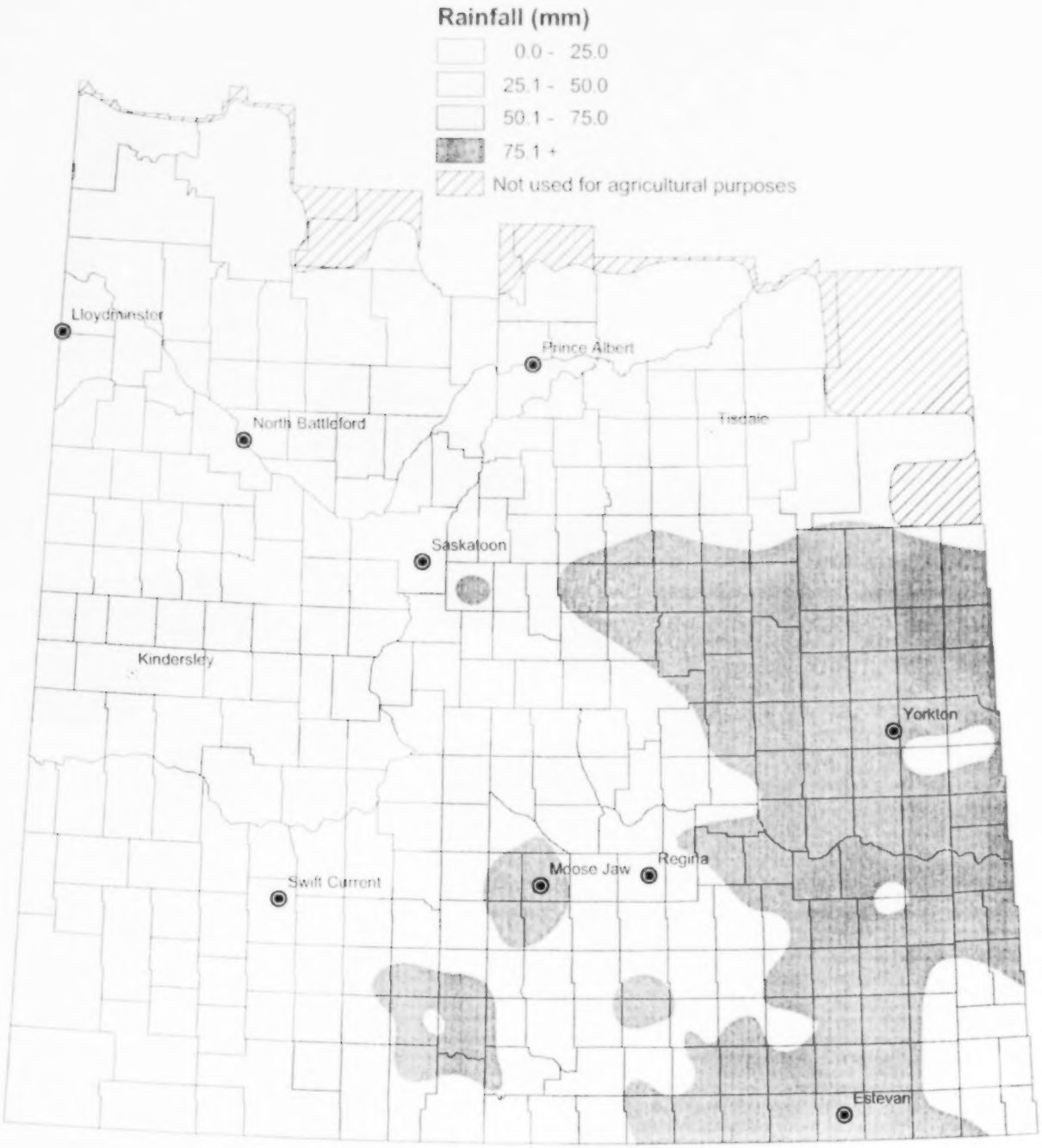

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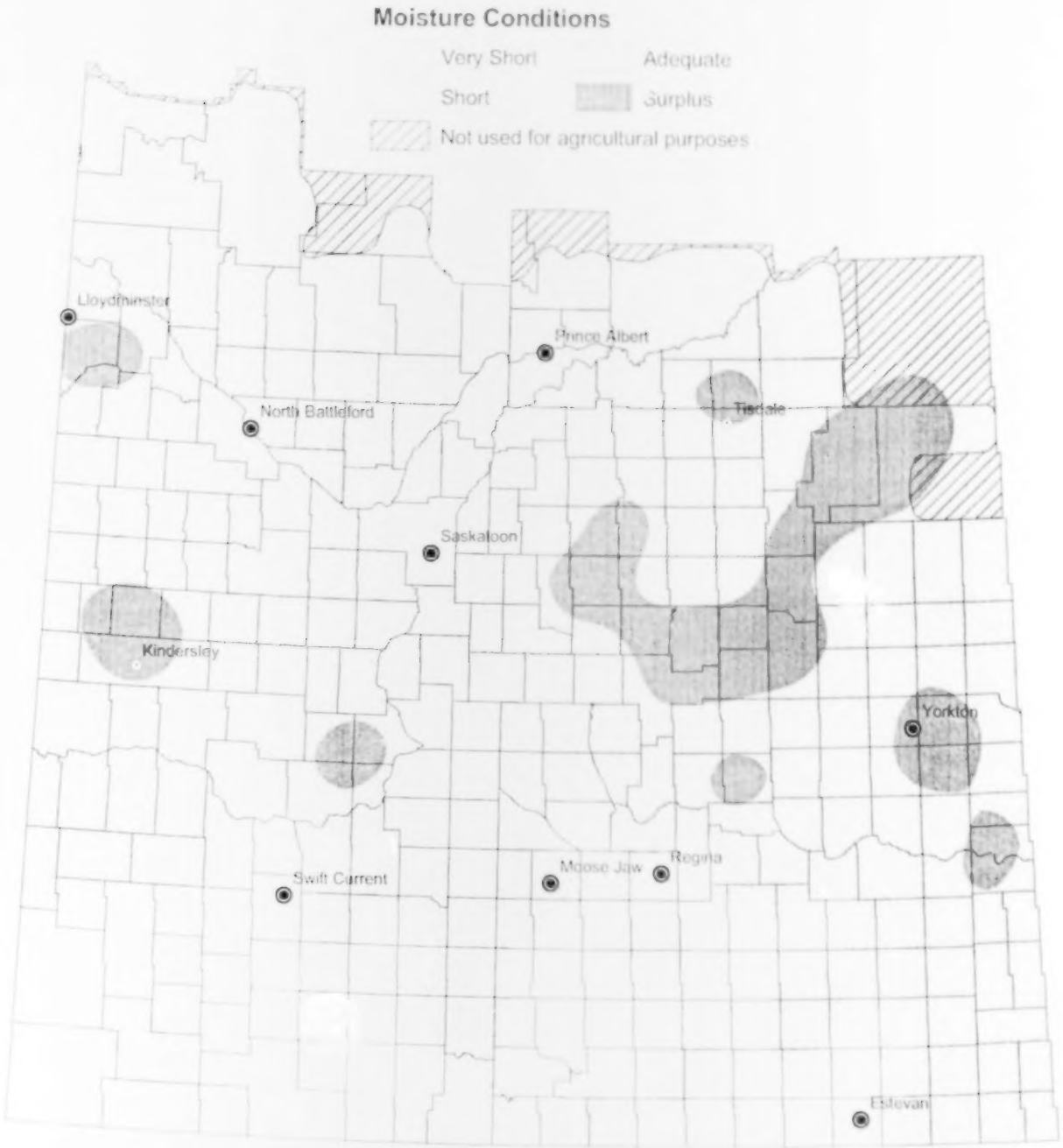

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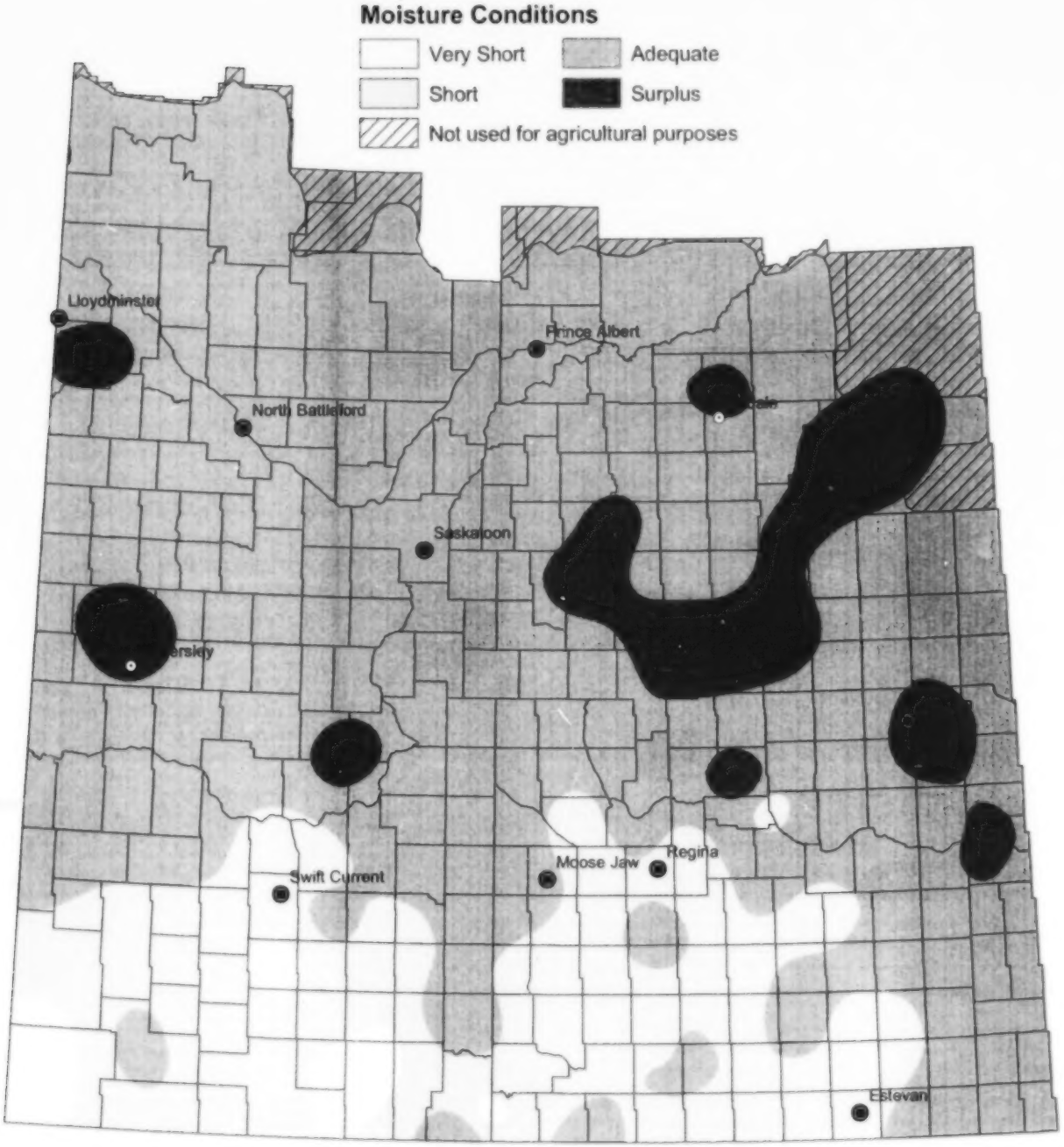

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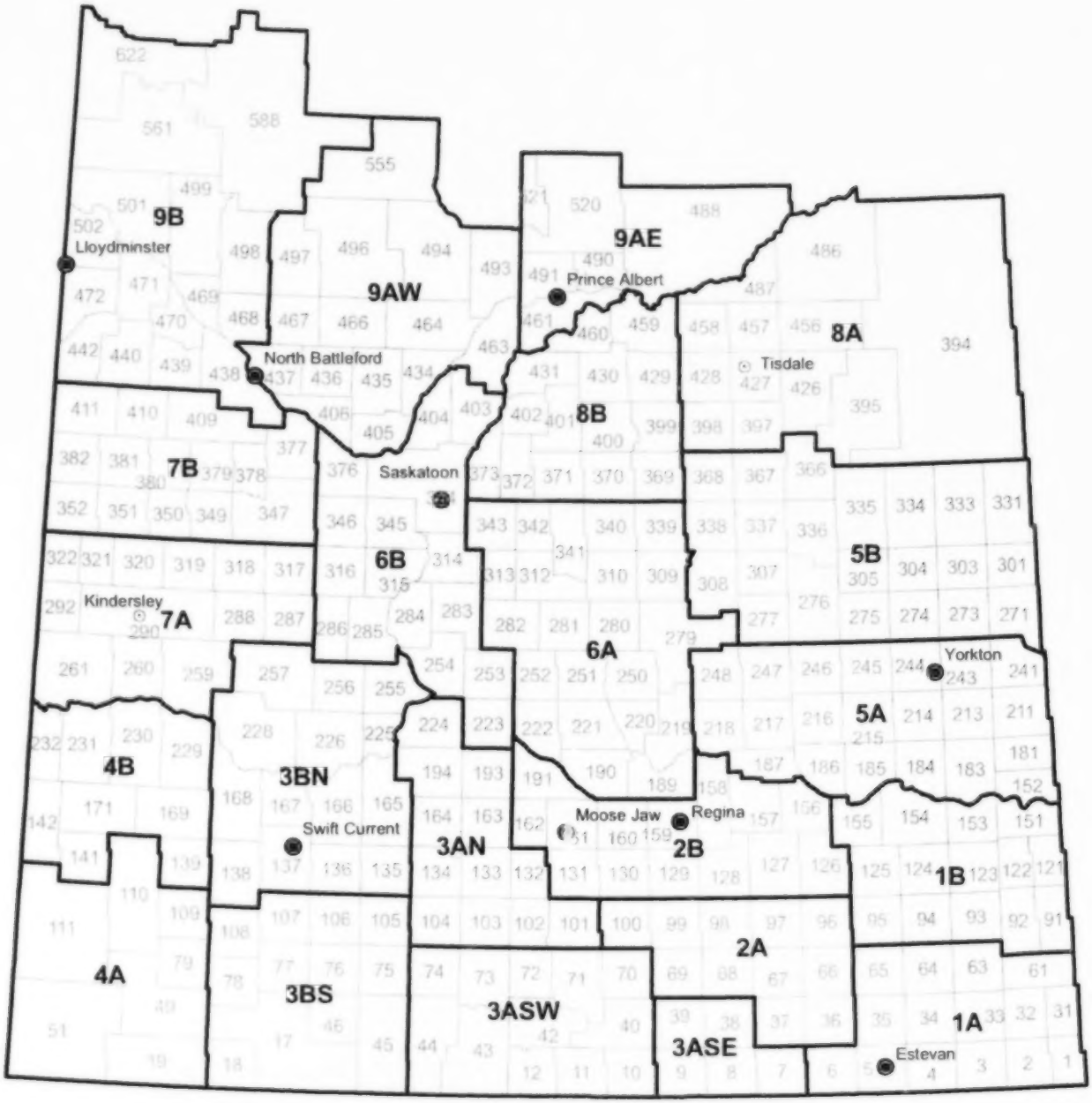

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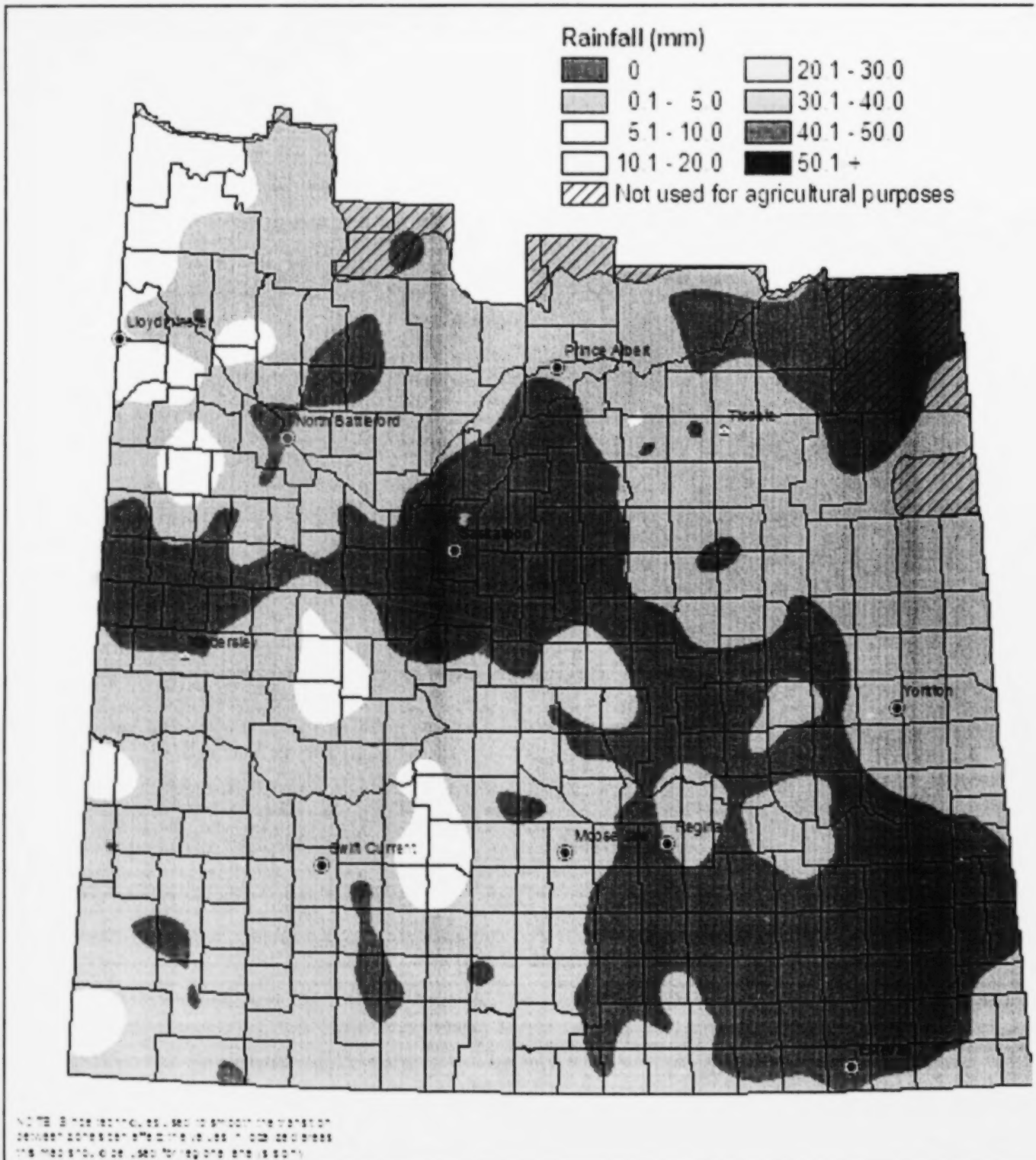

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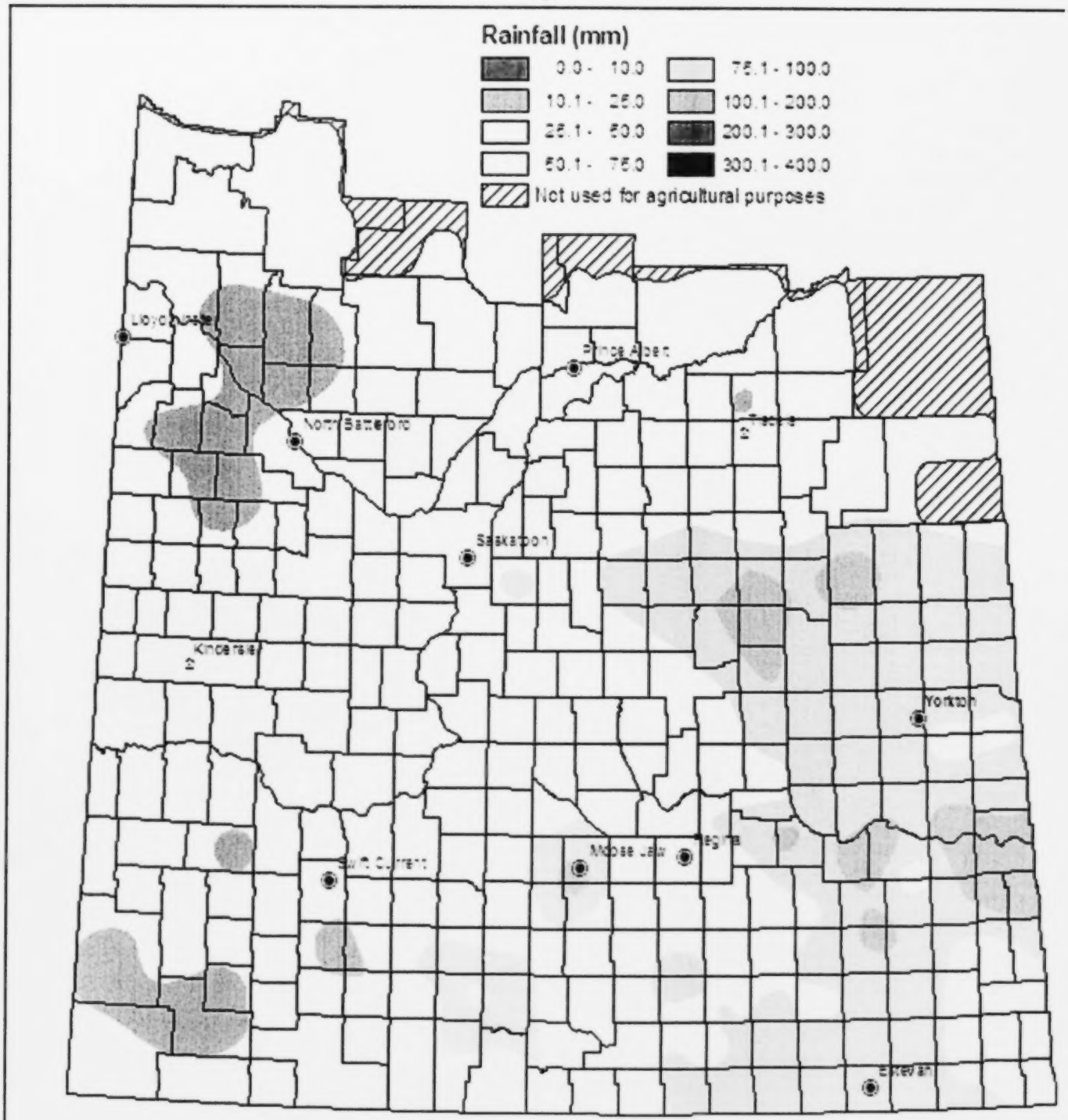

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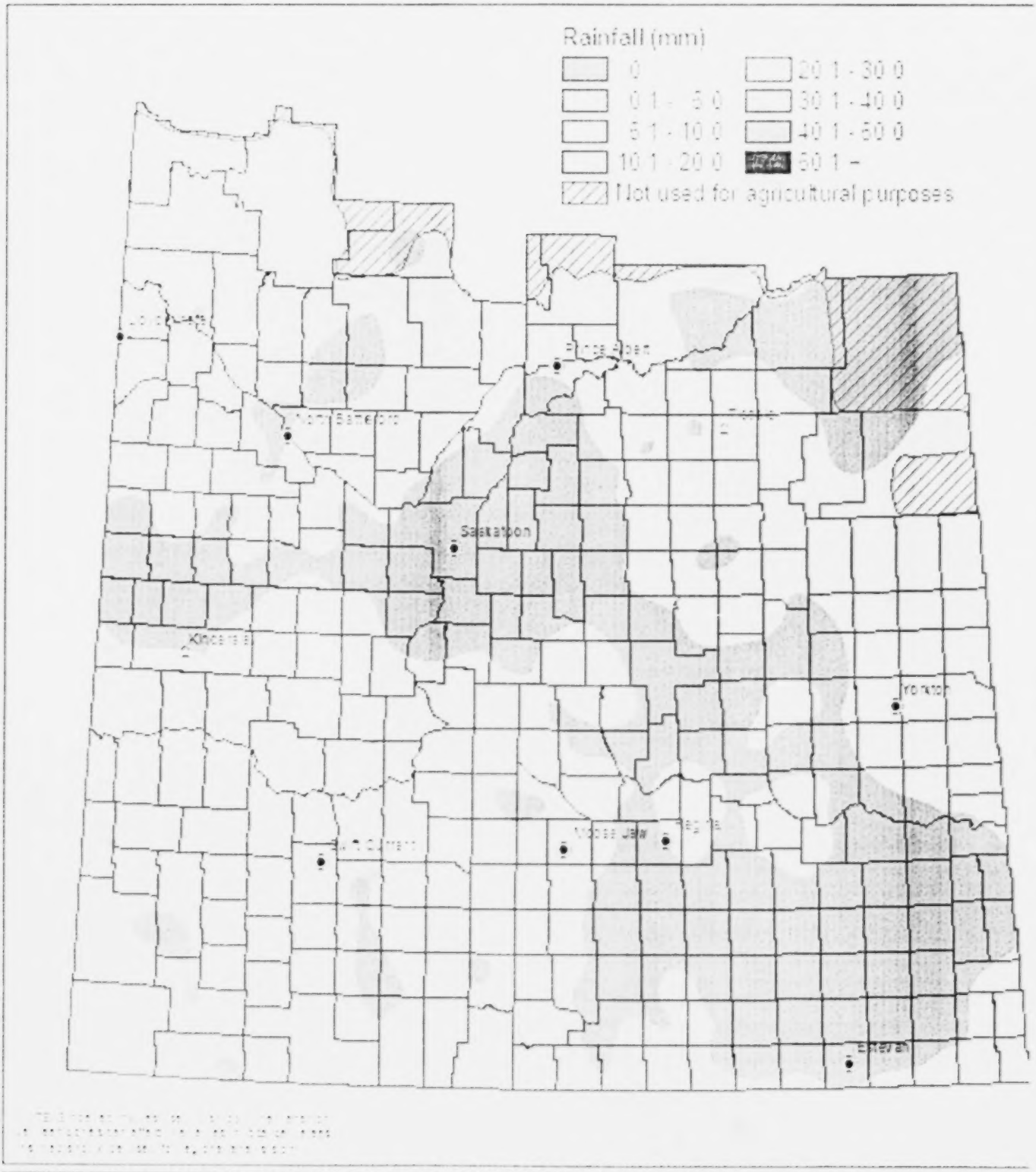

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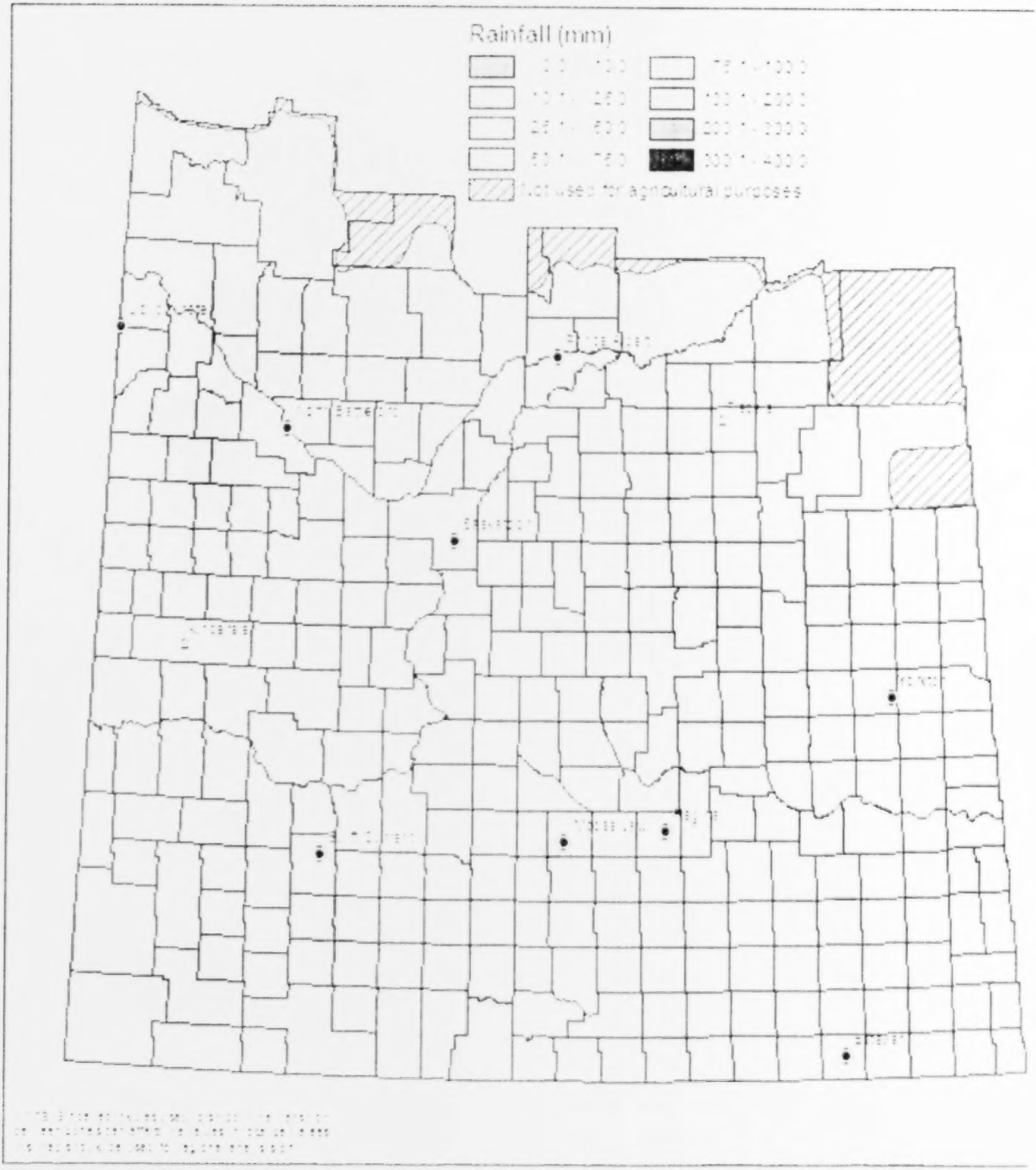

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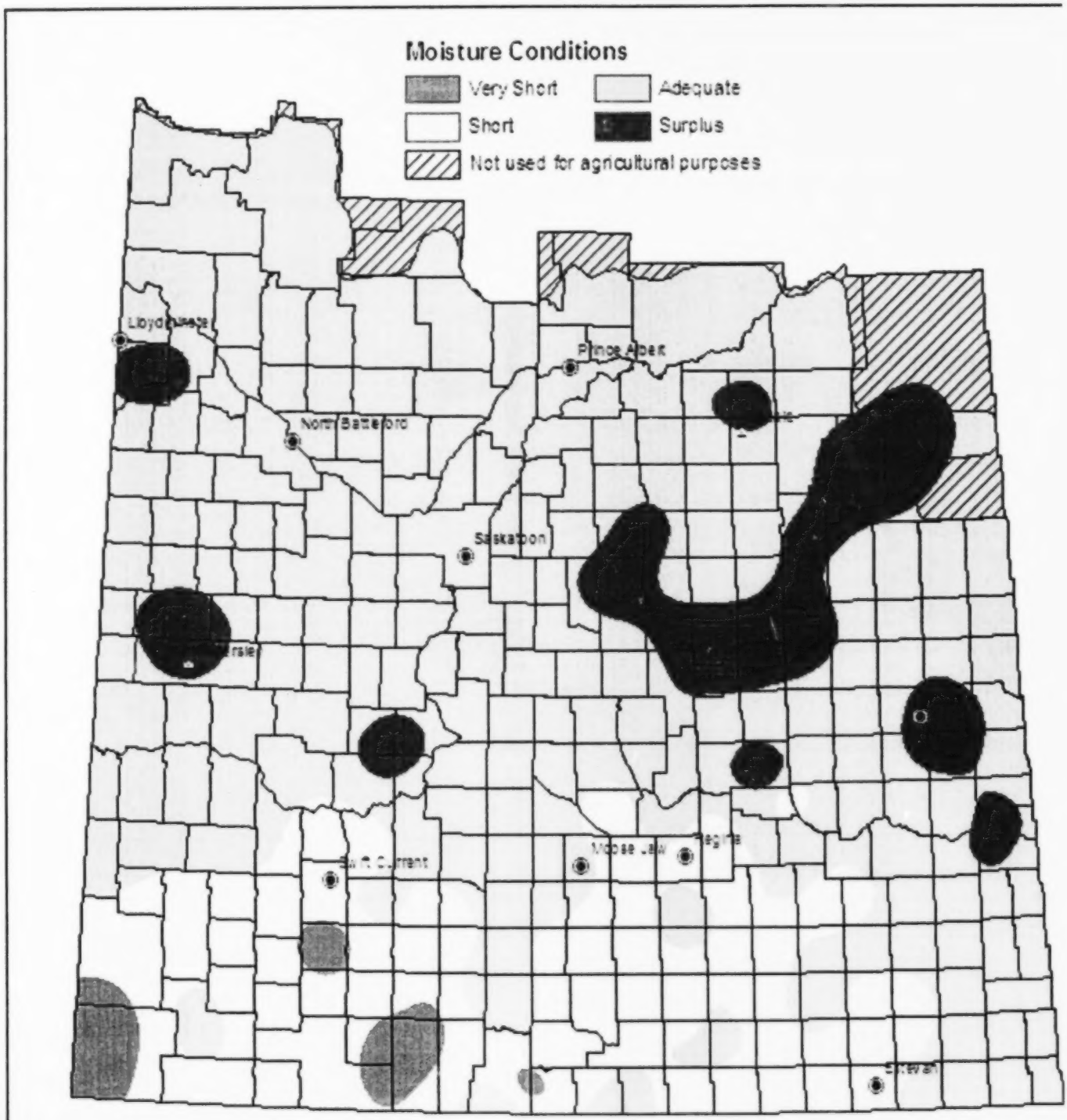

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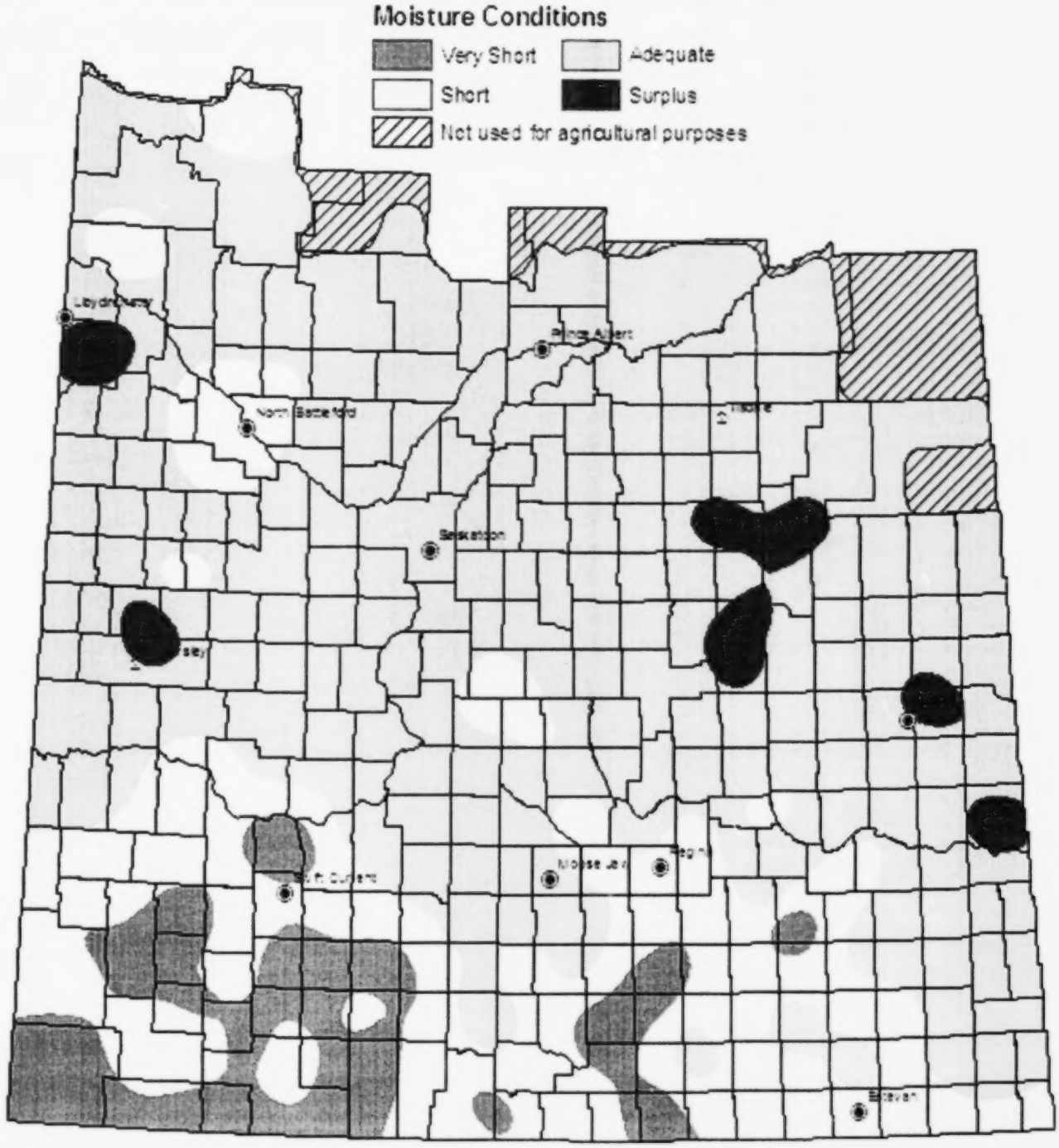

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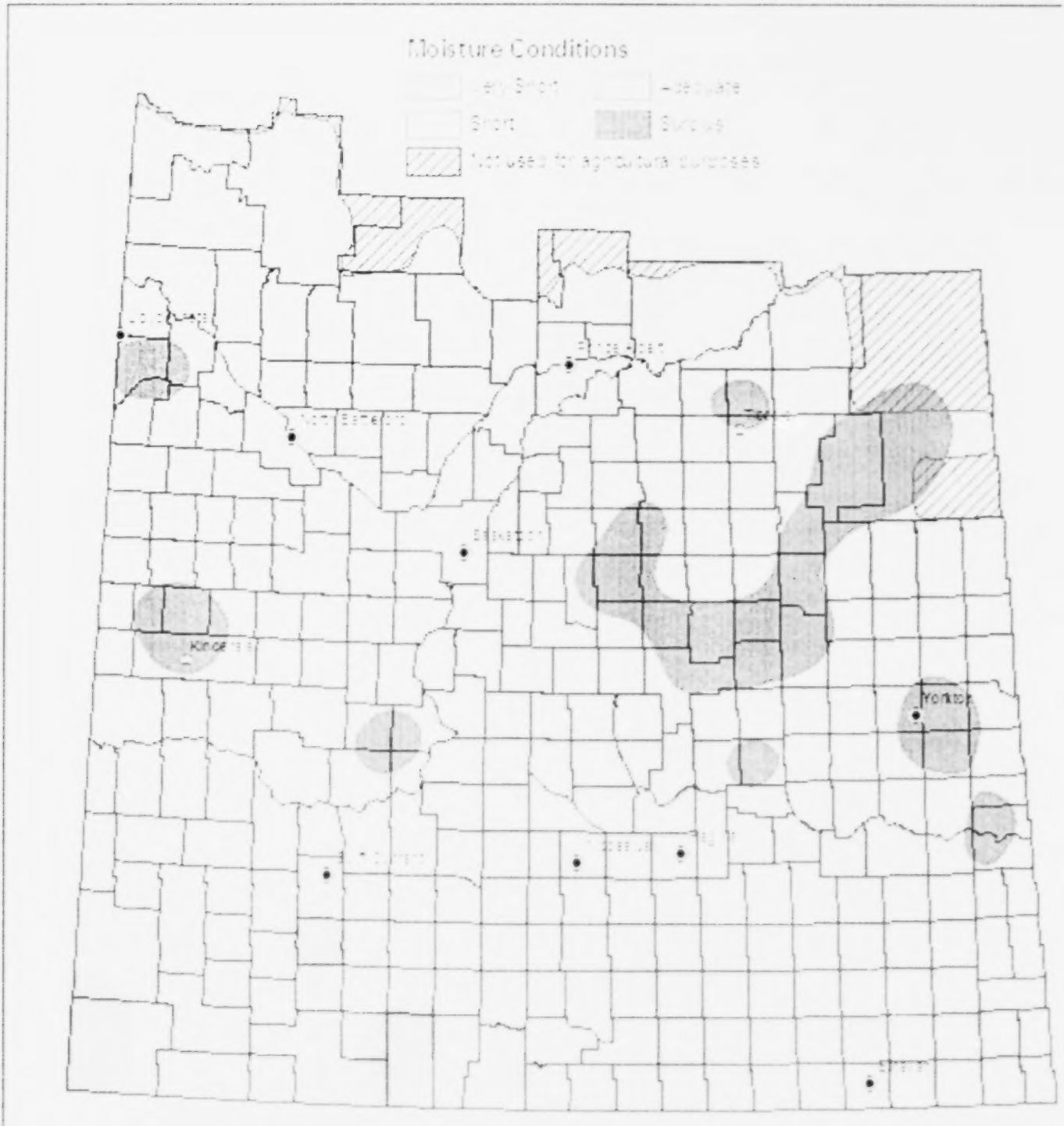

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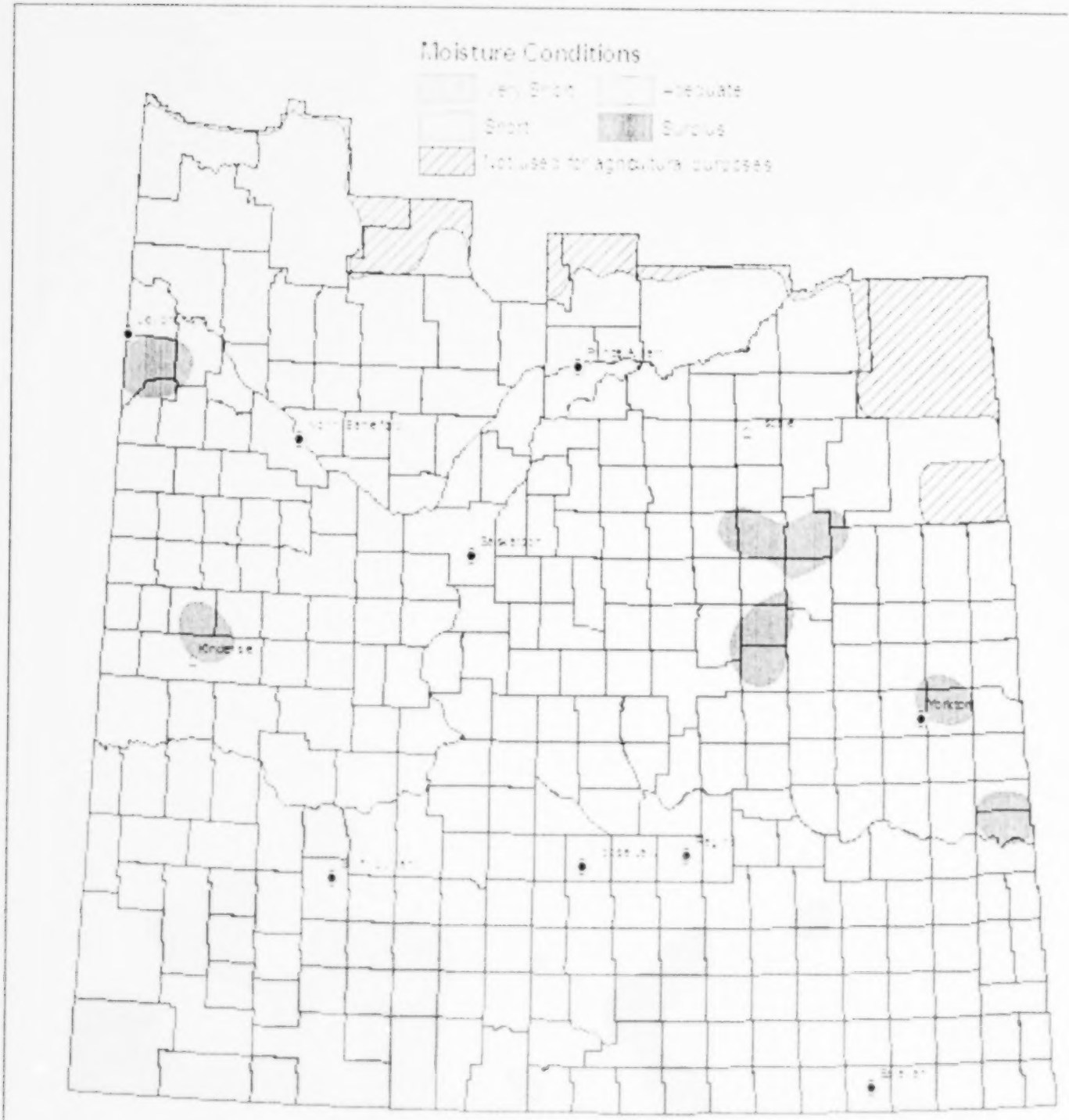

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